



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

Date: June 11, 2003

To: Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Subject: Hennepin County Restorative Justice Initiative

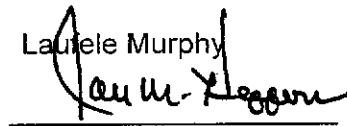
Recommendation: That the City Council receives and file this report

Previous Directives: None

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Jay M. Heffern, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact:

Neighborhood Notification N/A

City Goals: Build communities where all people feel safe and trust the City's public safety professional and Systems; Promote public, community and private partnerships to address disparities and to Support strong, healthy families and communities; Strengthen City government and enhance Community engagement.

Comprehensive Plan N/A

Zoning Code N/A

Other N/A

Background/Supporting Information

On August 23, 2003 an initiative entitled, Hennepin County Restorative Justice Initiative, will be held at the Hennepin County Pilot City facility. This initiative is a collaboration among, Redeemer Lutheran Initiative, Hennepin County District Court, African American Mens Project, General Mills, Greater Minneapolis Council

of Churches, Federal Forum/FaithBased Call, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, St Stephen's Church/Sisters of St. Joseph, Pillsbury and Unity House, which offers residents of Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis, an opportunity to resolve traffic charges and misdemeanor traffic warrants. Those participants who choose to resolve their cases will be able to perform community service work at various sites throughout the City of Minneapolis that day same day. A number of other resources will be available for questions and answer services, including Rule 25 evaluators (chemical dependency evaluators), cultural specific evaluators and program providers, and representatives from the Department of Public Safety.

This initiative ties in with the City Attorney's Office 2003 workplan initiative related to the Fourth Precinct Community Attorney, wherein the City Attorney's Office coordinates with the African American Mens Project, Community Corrections and other neighborhood and community organizations to provide appropriate diversion programs to City residents.

Hennepin County Restorative Justice Initiative 2003

*Resolve Traffic Charges and Traffic Warrants
by service to the community.*

August 23rd, 2003

Court: 9 – Noon; Service Work until 4 PM

Pilot City Neighborhood Center – 1315 Penn Ave N

Hennepin County District Court has partnered with the faith community, non-profits, and the Minneapolis Neighborhoods to give Hennepin County residents the chance to resolve outstanding traffic charges and traffic warrants while giving back to the community. On August 23, 2003, people will have the chance to clear up traffic charges and misdemeanor warrants by working with court personnel. Those participants who choose to resolve their cases will be able to do community service work that same day instead of paying the traffic fines they owe. Resource people will be available to tell you how to obtain or reinstate your driver's license, get a birth certificate and a social security number, etc. Legal services regarding family court will be provided. Programs for chemical health, housing, and employment will also be represented. The goal is for residents to leave the initiative with the knowledge necessary to make positive changes in their lives, while restoring the neighborhoods they live in and fulfilling obligations to the criminal justice system. **An application process is required.** Contact **Hillary Freeman** at 612-673-2892 or **TJ Jones** at 612-302-4692 for more information.

Sponsored by: Redeemer Lutheran Initiative, Hennepin County District Court, African American Mens Project, General Mills, Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, Federal Forum/FaithBased Call, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, St Stephen's Church/Sisters of St. Joseph